



**Directors
2018**

President

Doug Blackman

Secretary

Colin Mallet

Treasurer

John Dawson

Captain

Bill Titmuss

Vice-Captains

*Brian Montpellier-Draw
Richard Martin-Scoring*

Membership Director

John Foster

Social Director

Dave Thomas

Director at Large

Dave Wilson

Past President

Andrew Hobbs

**Webmasters & Divot
Dust**

*Ed Watson,
Wayne Gatley*

Advisors:

*Nick Atkinson-Technical
Peter Coyle-Handicap*

Legal

Carl Jonsson

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, October 30th, 2018

Doors open at 11:15 A.M.

- 11:15 Cash Bar and Social:
- 12:00 Annual General Meeting:
- 12:30 Luncheon and Social Function:
- 1:30 Awards Presentation:



*Doug Blackman
President*



*Colin Mallet
Secretary*



Annual General Meeting

**WEST POINT GOLF CLUB
88TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

***Tuesday, October 30th, 2018 – 12:00 noon
Strathcona Room, Third Floor – Arbutus Club
2001 Nanton Avenue, Vancouver
Doors Open 11:15 a.m.***

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

Sign-in of Members at Door and Collection of Annual Dues (cheques only please)

- Please bring your cheque (not cash) **payable to West Point Golf Club** and leave it with the Treasurer at the door.

(Full Play Membership \$140.00, Associate Membership \$50.00)

Welcome/ Call to Order by Doug Blackman, President

- General Welcome to Playing, Lifetime, Associate and Charter Members; Special Guests
- President's Opening Remarks – Season Overview

Roll Call of Directors

- Introduction of Directors, noting their Responsibilities

Quorum

- Count of Voting Members present (only 8 are required for a quorum)

Minutes of the 87th AGM held on October 31, 2017 (p. 5)

- Published in latest issue of the Divot Dust
- Call for a proposer and seconder.
- Discussion.
- Question – Motion to accept minutes of 87th AGM October 31, 2017.

Directors' Reports for 2018 Season – other than Treasurer's Report

- Published in latest issue of the Divot Dust and taken as read:

President	Doug Blackman
Past President	Andrew Hobbs
Captain	Bill Titmuss
Vice-Captain - Draw	Brian Montpellier
Vice-Captain - Scoring	Richard Martin
Membership	John Foster
Social	Dave Thomas
Technical Advisor	Nick Atkinson
Director at Large	Dave Wilson
Handicap, Riverway	Peter Coyle
Communications/Sketch	Ed Watson, Wayne Gatley/ Lorne Lindsay

- Call for a proposer and seconder
- Discussion
- Question – Motion to adopt all reports as published

Treasurer’s Report for 2018 and Budget for 2019

- Report by John Dawson, Treasurer
- See two copies on each table
- Call for a proposer and seconder
- Discussion
- Question

Election of Directors for 2019 (Photo Gallery on p. 12)

- Nominating Committee Members: Andrew Hobbs (Chair), Nick Atkinson, Richard Martin
- Slate of Nominating Committee - presented by Andrew Hobbs:

President	Colin Mallet	1st Year
Past President	Doug Blackman	1st Year
Secretary	Gregg Hook	1st Year
Treasurer	John Dawson	2nd Year
Captain	Bill Titmuss	2nd Year
Vice-Captain - Draw	Brian Montpellier	3rd Year
Vice-Captain - Scoring	Richard Martin	4th Year
Membership	Dave Wilson	1st Year
Social	Paul Kouri	1st Year
Director at Large	Eamon Grant	1st year

- Call for other nominations by Andrew Hobbs
- Call for proposer/seconder to close nominations
- Voting
- Election

Executive appointments made by Board of Directors

Advisor Appointments:

Website Management
Technical Advisors
Handicap Advisor
Legal Advisor

Ed Watson, Wayne Gatley
Nick Atkinson, David Johannsen
Peter Coyle
Carl Jonsson

Other Business

Adjournment

- Call for mover and seconder

Membership Fee for 2019

\$140.00

Associate Membership Fee \$50.00

**Please remember to bring *your cheque (not cash)*
to the October 30th AGM and Awards Luncheon**

John Dawson-Treasurer



*When we were young
and foolish*

2012: 80th Anniversary

Minutes of West Point Golf Club 87th Annual General Meeting, at the Arbutus Club, Vancouver,

Tuesday 31 Oct 2017

The President, Doug Blackman, called the meeting to order at 12.05 am. A quorum was declared as there were 78 members in attendance.

President's Remarks:

Doug welcomed the members, and recalled the wonderful summer we enjoyed this year, after suffering through poor course conditions and cancellations in the spring. He thanked those organizing this event and manning the door, Dave Thomas, Jim Mackie, Carl Jonsson and John Dawson, and particularly welcomed our Life members, Hugh Marshall, Ray Dujardin, Gary Sinclair, Jim Selley and Brian Ciccozzi.

He acknowledged the excellent cooperation that we have had this year from Joan Probert at the Parks Board, and the staff at each of the courses, in coping with the weather conditions.

The Club continues with a regular membership of 110, 5 Life members, one Honorary member, 6 Associate members and a healthy wait list of 17. Doug welcomed the 11 new members to their first AGM, Baz Bazaluk, Richard Buski, David Butler, Bill Cartwright, Alex Clifford, Mike Constantinidis, Greg Hook, Don Kilpatrick, Michael McSeveney, Mike Sawyer and Bill Steele. With these new additions, our Club's average age has dropped further to 74.4, ranging from 60 to 93. The oldest member playing regularly is Hugh (Legs) Marshall at 89.

Doug introduced and thanked the current Board members, Peter Coyle (Captain), Colin Mallet (Secretary), Jim Mackie (Treasurer), Brian Montpellier (V-P, Draw), Richard Martin (V-P Scoring), Dave Thomas (Social), John Foster (Membership), Nick Atkinson (Director-at-Large) and Andrew Hobbs (Past President), and referred to their Reports for the year, published in Divot Dust on the Website.

In addition, he particularly recognized a number of members, without whose help the Club could not function:

- Carl Jonsson our Legal Advisor and Reverse Draw specialist;
- Brian Ciccozzi who puts together our invaluable Pocket Reference, organizes our matches with UGC, and makes sense of the scores at our 2 eclectic events;
- Jim Selley who organizes the trophy engraving;
- Lorne Lindsay who compiles our West Point member sketches;
- Paul Levy who set up and has maintained our 'Record of Champions' book, and Andrew Hobbs who is now taking over that responsibility;
- Barry Arnett, who has designed and maintained the electronic scoring systems for our events;
- Ed Watson and Wayne Gatley for maintaining the marvellous website that keeps us all connected; special thanks go to Wayne for his work with Divot Dust, preparing for this AGM;
- Nick Atkinson for researching and testing a new integrated electronic system for the Club, which will be rolled out over the winter particularly by the members who play at Riverway, and introduced to all next spring; a request was made that other members volunteer to use the system for their play over the winter.

A moment of silence was called for the 2 members that we have lost over the year: Dave Haddleton and Glen Lockhart.

Minutes:

The Minutes of the 86th Annual General Meeting were published in Divot Dust, posted on the Club’s website. Moved by Colin Mallet and seconded by Lorne Lindsay that the Minutes be accepted as published. Motion carried.

Directors’ Reports:

These were published in Divot Dust and posted on the Club’s website. Moved by Richard Martin and seconded by Lorne Lindsay that the reports be accepted as published. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report:

Copies of the Treasurer’s Report and the Budget for 2017 were provided at each table. Moved by Jim Mackie and seconded by Peter Coyle that the Treasurer’s Report and Budget be accepted as published. Motion carried.

By Law Revision:

Carl Jonsson, the Club’s Legal Advisor, explained that the 2015 BC Societies Act requires the Club to file new By-Laws by 2018. The existing and new versions have been posted for inspection on the Club website, but do not differ much in substance. The Special Resolution was moved by Carl Jonsson and seconded by Colin Mallet that:

1. The Society designate itself as a “member funded” Society;
2. The ByLaws of the Society be repealed and the ByLaws in the form attached to this Resolution (See attachment), and signed for identification by the Society’s Secretary, be adopted as the ByLaws of the Society.

The motion required a two thirds majority vote of the members, and was accepted unanimously.

Election of Directors for 2018:

Andrew Hobbs presented the recommendations of the Nominating Committee consisting of himself, Dave Thomas, and Dave Stephens, and confirmed that all nominees were willing to stand:

- President: Doug Blackman 2nd year;
- Captain: Bill Titmuss 1st year;
- Secretary: Colin Mallet 2nd year;
- Treasurer: John Dawson 1st year;
- Vice-Captain-Draw: Brian Montpellier 2nd year;
- Vice-Captain-Scoring: Richard Martin 2nd year;
- Social: Dave Thomas 2nd year;
- Membership: John Foster 3rd year;
- Director at Large: Dave Wilson 1st year;

Andrew then called for nominations from the floor. There being none, nominations were declared closed, and the above nominees were declared elected.

Doug welcomed the new members to the Board, and took a moment to thank the retiring members, Peter Coyle, Jim Mackie and Nick Atkinson, two of whom will continue on as Board Advisors

Executive Appointments to the Board:

Doug advised that the following members have agreed to continue on the Board or as executive Advisors to the Board:

- Andrew Hobbs as Past President, on the Board;
- Peter Coyle as Handicap Advisor;
- Nick Atkinson as Technical Advisor;
- Ed Watson and Wayne Gatley for Website Management;

Motion for Adjournment:

Moved by Peter Coyle and seconded by Dave Thomas. Motion approved.

One more time:

Membership Fee for 2019 season

\$140.00

Associate Membership Fee \$50.00

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October 30th AGM and Awards Luncheon**

John Dawson-Treasurer





88th ANNUAL LUNCHEON & AWARDS CEREMONY

Members invited to be seated: President, Doug Blackman

Saying of Grace

Buffet Luncheon Begins - during which: Reverse Draw (Carl Jonsson)

Awarding of Trophies: (Bill Titmuss, Richard Martin, Brian Montpellier]

To speed up the process, cash prizes for each of the winners and all runners-up will be available when you arrive at the AGM and pay your membership dues for 2019

1. Red Tees Shamble
2. Bud Brown Eclectic: Individual winners in each of 3 handicap divisions
3. Neil McIntyre Trophy: winner with lowest net score
4. Ed Angel Trophy: winning 2-man team
5. TNT (McCleery): "Team Net Total" winning foursome
6. Stroke Play Champion [with keeper]
7. Flight Champions: A, B & C Acknowledgement of champions (with keeper)
8. Handicap Champion
9. Senior Master Champion
10. Super Senior Champion
11. Season Match Play - Dave Fairweather Trophy
12. Putting Jamboree: winner with lowest score
13. Joe Dwyer Trophy: winning 2-man team
14. Sweet Sixteen - Fraserview
15. Roli Parker Shield Eclectic: individual winners in each of 4 hdcp divisions
16. 3 Clubs and a Putter
17. Palcutta: acknowledgement of winning team
18. Club Champion – Match Play
19. Flight Champions: B and C winners
20. Ab Miles (McQuarrie Hunter) Tankard: winner with lowest net score
21. Red White and Blue –Fraserview
22. Laurie Craddock Vintage Cup – overall winner
23. TNT – (Fraserview): "Team Net Total" winning foursome
24. Texas Scramble-Fraserview
25. Doug LeBlanc Shield: individual winners in each of 3 hdcp divisions
26. Captain's Challenge
27. Two Man Challenge
28. Bob Jack Trophy: winner with total of lowest best three scores
29. Strategic Handicap Management Award - to be announced at the AGM.
30. Most Improved Golfer



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John Dawson

Captain

Bill Titmuss

Vice-Captains

Brian Montpellier - Draw

Richard Martin- Scoring

Membership Director

John Foster

Social Director

Dave Thomas

Director at Large

Dave Wilson

Past President

Andrew Hobbs

Advisors:

Web Masters & Divot Dust

Ed Watson

Wayne Gatley

Technical Advisor

Nick Atkinson

Handicap: *Peter Coyle*

Legal: *Carl Jonsson*



President's Message

I wish to thank you all for the honour and privilege to have served as your president the past two years. This past year has been much more stable than the previous one.

We have been blessed with better weather than in most seasons, with very few, if any, of our events being rained out. The courses have all been in very good shape.

Your Board members have worked hard to ensure the Club runs smoothly so that you enjoy a challenging yet collegial golfing experience. There is a remarkable amount of behind the scenes work that goes into each week's events. Thanks to all of you who contribute.

There has been a significant learning curve as we implemented our new electronic club management system. I want to especially acknowledge Nick Atkinson who has shepherded us through all of this and continues to trouble shoot when problems arise. I also want to recognize Brian Montpellier who has capably implemented the new draw system and written a succinct manual to assist his successors, and Richard Martin who, with his Captain's Table, has faithfully and diligently input your scores and determined the various winners each week.

Leaving the Board are your membership chair, John Foster, your social director, Dave Thomas and your past president, Andrew Hobbs. Thank you, gentlemen, for all you have done for the Club.

The Nominating Committee is presenting an excellent slate of directors for the coming year.

We have a current membership of 110, including 12 new members. We have 5 Life Members, one Honorary Member, 11 Associate Members and a healthy wait list of 13.

We continue to enjoy a respectful, collegial relationship with Joan Probert, the Supervisor of Business Services with Vancouver Parks and with the Pro Shop staff at all 4 courses: McCleery, Langara, Fraserview and Riverway. On your behalf I did make written submissions to each of the Park Board directors and to the Mayor regarding the future of Langara. Plans for the remediation of Langara are still on the table with hopes to proceed in 2019

Your Board continues with its plan to implement electronic tools to assist in the efficient management and operation of the Club. As a next step, the Board has decided not to publish the Pocket Reference next year. All of that information will be available on the Club website in PDF format.

It has been suggested that, in the spirit of "Play It Forward," we pursue implementing Red/White combo tees at each of the courses. We will continue to liaise with Joan Probert at the Park Board regarding this. We will need to involve the RCGA in this to determine ratings and slopes. The contract for scorecards for 2019 has already been finalized so combo tees will not be on the scorecards for 2019. We will continue to pursue this initiative.

Each of the directors has filed their report in the Divot Dust and has recognized those who have contributed to the coordination of Club events. The Club is a volunteer organization dependent on the willingness of members to serve. There are others who quietly provide assistance including:

-Brian Ciccozzi who, with editorial assistance, published the Pocket Reference, coordinated the eclectics and the interclub matches with the University Golf Club.

-Carl Jonsson who, as our legal advisor, ensures we are in compliance with the Societies' Act.

-Jim Selley who collects and coordinates the engraving of our trophies.

Thank you.

The Club continues to provide financial support to the Inner City Youth Golf Program run by Muncie Booth at McCleery. This year we contributed \$1500 as well as the proceeds from the 50/50 draws.

Again, thank you for an interesting and challenging two years.
Best wishes to you all for the winter season.

Respectfully,

Doug Blackman

FORMER WPGC BOARD MEMBERS

23 currently active members and one Honorary member have served our Club as Directors

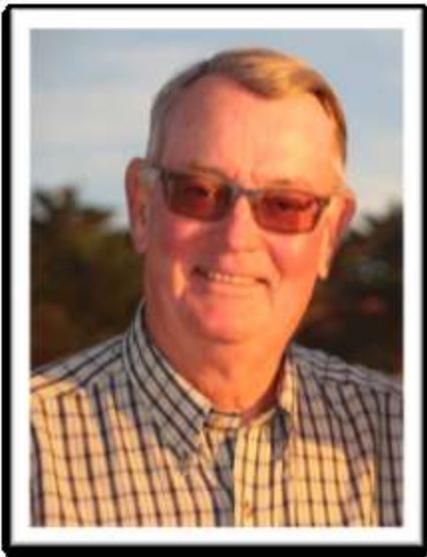
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Hobbs, Andrew
Jonsson, Carl

Lindsay, Lorne
McHattie, John
McPherson, Don
Marshall, Hugh
Moulton, Roy
Schmidt, Andy

Selley, Jim
Sinclair, Gary
Stephens, Dave
Thomson, Craig
Trunkfield, Geoff
Williams, Al

Past President's Report



Unlike season 2017, we were blessed this season with exceptionally sunny weather, making our golf all the more enjoyable and certainly easier for your executive!

Once again our Board has been seamlessly steered through the season by our President, Doug Blackman, with the help of a talented group who have worked tirelessly in organizing our Tuesday games at Riverway as well as our Thursday matches at the three Vancouver Parks Board courses.

Our sincere thanks must go to our Captain, Vice-Captains and to all who have coordinated Riverway and the Away games for the endless hours they have contributed to the Club.

The success of our new "Sign-up" program is a great achievement and I'm sure you'll join with me in thanking Nick Atkinson and our webmasters in smoothing the way for us. I'm sure that Vice-Captain Scoring, Richard Martin and the captain's table are thankful for the new system.

We were dismayed this year to lose Jim Mackie to lung cancer after a battle of 18 months. Jim joined the Club in 2005 and served with our Board for 4 years until 2017, as well as running various other events for us. His quiet and sage advice will be missed.

"Pace of play" continues to be a priority for the Club and has generally been good within the Club. The Parks Board still consider our record exemplary compared with other Clubs.

This is my last of 6 most enjoyable years of serving on the Board. I have been most honored. Thank you.

My thanks go to Dave Thomas and John Foster who are also leaving the board this season. Their contributions as Social and Membership Directors respectively have been enormous. Both have served the Board in excess of 2 years.

Nominations for Directors for 2019 is posted below.

May I wish you all a safe, healthy and enjoyable winter season, wherever you may find yourselves.

Best wishes,

Andrew Hobbs

Gallery of Candidates nominated to serve as our Board of Directors for 2019

Presenting the members who have agreed to stand for election:



President
Colin Mallet
1st Year



Secretary
Gregg Hook
1st Year



Treasurer
John Dawson
2nd Year



Captain
Bill Titmuss
2nd Year



Past Pres
Doug Blackman
1st Year



VCapt Draw
Brian Montpellier
3rd Year



VCapt Scoring
Richard Martin
4th Year



Membership
Dave Wilson
1st Year

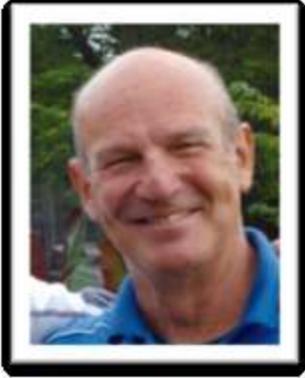


Social Director
Paul Kouri
1st Year



Dir@Large
Eamon Grant
1st Year

Captain's Message



Our season got off to a fortuitous start. The early spring weather gave us dry days at McCleery. Having Marine Drive fully opened helped us fill our 80 slots each and every week.

This season we used a new online signup, scoring, and handicap systems. It was a big learning curve for many people on both sides of the Captain's Table. We all have to thank Nick Atkinson for patiently guiding us along this new path. I know he walked me through a few moments of panic when I thought I had deleted the scores for an entire tournament.

The learning curve was really on display at the Captain's Table under the conscientious leadership of Richard Martin. Members John Evans, Phil Joughin, David Marr, Jeremy Marr, Dave McMurdo, and Jim Trotter entered our scores, checked on our tee boxes, and chased down scorecards. Every evening following an event, Richard double-checked the entries. Without the dedication of this crew, the season would have ground to a halt. Thank you guys.

This year, players were allowed a variation on Regular Foursomes. We had 9 regular foursomes, 4 regular threesomes, and 5 regular twosomes. This flexibility seemed to meet our members' needs. Close to half of our members opted to not be in a regular group. Some folks seem to enjoy playing with different members each week.

Our events have been many and in a variety of formats. As of the writing of this message, we have had 75 first place prizes up for grabs. Remember, many of our events include 3 winners in Flights A, B, and C. Those 75 prizes were won by 45 of our members, a healthy percentage of our full membership. The man with the most wins was George Drew with 5 first place finishes. This is quite the accomplishment for young George.

There is of course more to our season than the Thursday events. Once again, thanks to Peter Coyle for organizing our Tuesdays at Riverway Golf Course in Burnaby. Time to put aside those \$5 bills for next season. David Johannson kept track of the scores and winnings from our six away games. Thanks to the organizers: Brian Sims - Tsawwassen Springs, Gregg Hook - Mayfair Lakes, Craig Thomson - Kings Links, Paul Kouri - Northlands, Doug Blackman - Northview and Andrew Hobbs - Pagoda Ridge. We also played an inter club competition with University Men's Club thanks to the work of Brian Ciccozzi. Next year we will get the trophy back!

Keeping our fellow members and the Parks Board happy often times has a direct correlation with our Pace of Play. At the beginning of the year I pushed for "Ready Golf". Many members applied this concept to their routine. We did well this year with only a few cases of inappropriate gap times. Thanks one and all for your efforts and all those good gap times. Playing golf at a slow pace is never fun!

Communication is never easy with a large group of people. I was pleased that many members felt comfortable requesting information or my assistance via email or telephone. As I sat down to write this, I noticed my WPGC email file clicked to over 3,000 messages so far this season. Yet did I/we get the communication right all the time? No. There is still room for improvement, especially at times when an unexpected change takes place. It will always be a work in progress.

In an attempt to improve communications, next year we will not be printing the traditional pocket guide. Instead, we will have a printable PDF file online. This of course will

be met with some resistance. But there are benefits. Obviously we save money on the printing. But, perhaps the most important benefit is that we get more time to prepare for the season without a very early printing deadline. We will be able to update this file all season long. It should not become outdated.

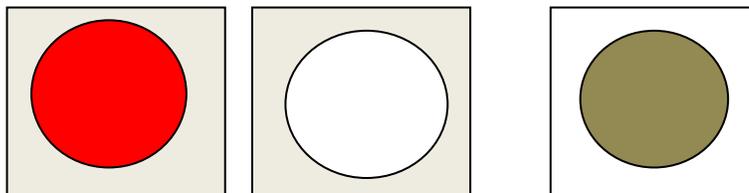
All and all, it has been a successful season for our West Point Golf Club. Under the leadership of Doug Blackman the board continued its good work. I am proud to have been a part of this excellent program. Thank you for the support and confidence each of you has shown me this year.

Bill Titmuss

CAPTAIN'S REMINDER:

Play is permitted from all Tees:

RED TEES, WHITE TEES OR KYO TEES



*Photo courtesy of
Alex Andrews*

Vice-Captain's (Weekly Draw) - Message



2018 was a major transition for the club in tournament management. We changed from esignup to a professional software package from Golfsoftware.com. This software has made completing the draw, inputting scores and maintaining the handicap system much easier to do. The new software does the following:

- a) It tracks member handicaps.
- b) Handicaps are calculated directly from scores entered so they are always up to date
- c) It stores all course slopes and ratings off the various tees.
- d) It is the data base the Membership Director uses to update our roster.
- e) Creation and posting of the Draw.
- f) Scoring.
- g) Posting of results.
- h) Leaderboards.
- i) Pulls in membership data and course slopes and ratings on demand.
- j) Access for players to log in and sign up and to cancel requests to play.
- k) Shows who has signed up to date.
- l) Shows the final draw with pairings and tee times.

The software developers have been very helpful in moving us up the learning curve and Nick Atkinson has done yeoman work in getting us up and operating.

There are certain improvements to the software that we have requested such as including the ability for members to include a request when they sign up, a module to manage match play, a method to rotate tee times equitably and a method to track pace of play.

As usual, cooperation with the pro shops has been excellent. I will reiterate what was said in the last report as some issues continue: Please note if you must cancel a tee time, let me know, (bmontpellier@shaw.ca, 604-375-7787) so I can adjust the draw accordingly. And please try and cancel before the draw is posted. This is usually the Monday or Tuesday before the tournament and is especially important for team events. Please note that we have committed to informing the pro shop each Saturday how many tee times out of the 20 we are allocated that we will need for the coming Thursday. This is so they can release unused tee times for public use. For this reason, bookings for the next tournament are cut off on the Friday before at 5 p.m. That's one day after we have played, so please don't be late signing up for the following tournament.

We averaged 19.5 tee times at McCleery this year (last year was only 15 because of the foul weather and course damage). Our play at Langara averaged 19 tee times. So far, at Fraserview we have averaged 17 tee times over 3 weeks.

The club captain initiated “playing groups” this year that consist of 2, 3 or 4 members who prefer to play together in regular draws. The new software makes it easy to keep these groups together.

Brian Montpellier

Vice-Captain’s (Scoring) - Message



I would like again to thank the members and those that acted as team captains during the year - your support is much appreciated at the Table.

This year we changed our computer system to Golfsoftware.com. Nick Atkinson gave Dave Wilson, Brian Montpellier and myself tutorials during the off season so we could become familiar with the process of setting up Tournaments, the Draw and Scoring. Entering scores is straight-forward and the program enables us to obtain results for our different tournament formats (Nick Atkinson has worked hard to accomplish this), to publish results to the players portal and post scores to update the players’ handicaps in our system.

We are still learning different aspects of the program but next season should be much easier – we have also had suggestions from new members at the ‘Table’ on how we can minimize the work load.

I would like to thank those who served at the Captain’s Table this year - Phil Joughin, Jeremy Marr, David McMurdo, Jim Trotter, Dave Marr and John Evans were all regulars at the ‘Table’. The first month of the season was mostly training to set up the ‘Table’ and scoring. My special thanks to Dave Marr and John Evans who took time to learn how to make up the Score Sheet, publish results, post handicaps and to prepare for the following week’s play AND who took over my responsibilities for parts of the season.

My thanks also to Brian Montpellier for accommodating my requests for appropriate tee times, to Ed Watson and Wayne Gatley who update our web site with the results (they also keep track of the money winners!!) and to Andrew Hobbs, who again monitored the play and gap times recorded at the ‘Table’. Team Captain’s please note - it is important to stamp your score cards as soon as you walk off the 18th green to avoid a scolding for slow play.

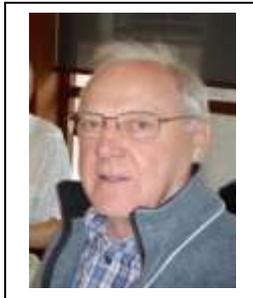
My thanks to Doug Blackman and Bill Titmuss for their guidance and input and also the many who donate their time to help.

It seemed a long season this year but I have been helped by a great team of volunteers who have been a pleasure to work with.

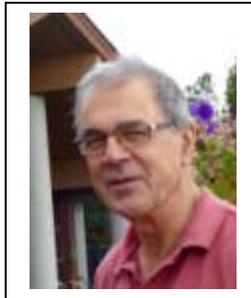
I will look forward to seeing everyone again next spring.

Richard Martin

***Thanks to the Members of our
Captains' Table***



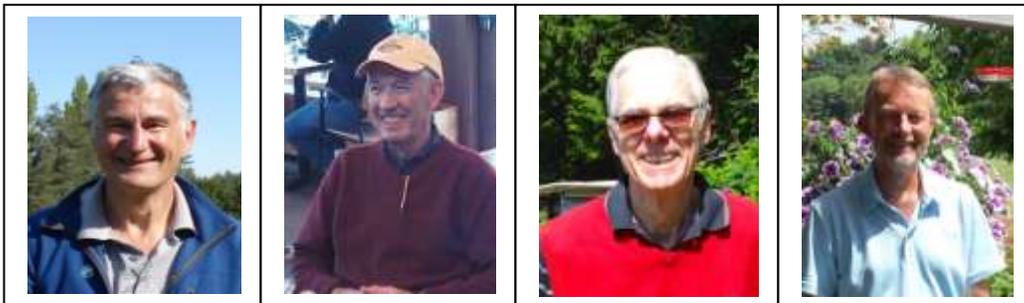
Phil Joughin



Jeremy Marr



David McMurdo



Richard Martin

Jim Trotter

Dave Marr

John Evans

Richard Martin

Membership Director's Message

The total playing membership is 127 made up of 110 regular, 1 honorary, 5 lifetime and 11 Associate members. The current wait list is 12.



The average age of our membership is 75.5 years, slightly up from last year. The youngest is 58 years and the oldest is 94. The oldest playing member is Hugh Marshall at 90 years.

New Members

Jim Marchand, Rick Sanderson, Bob Devlin, David Ng, Eamon Grant, Jeff Pelletier, Jim Lafontaine, John Mathews, Ed Jackson, Roger Barnes, Marcel Mueller, Len Posyniak, Ian Allan

Honorary Member

Roy Moulton (2009) Charter Member

Lifetime Members

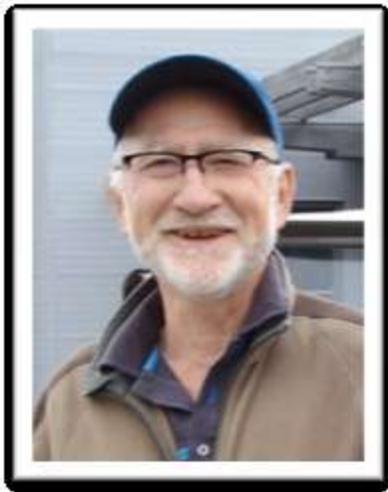
Hugh Marshall (2010), Gary Sinclair (2011), Ray Dujardin (2012), Jim Selley (2015), Brian Ciccozzi (2016)

Associate Members

Baz Bazaluk, Barrie Brown, Richard Buski, Paul Levy, Gord MacCulloch, Peter McAllister, Don McPherson, John McPherson, Peter Morse, Peter McAllister, Don Rotherham, Al Williams

John Foster

Social Director's Message



Because of the peculiarities of our calendar and fiscal year, our AGM takes place after the Divot Dust is published. So this report, presented chronologically, begins with last year's AGM. About 80 members turned out, which, although not up to the record 90 in 2016, was in the ball park for attendance. As usual, the event was held at the Arbutus Club, who put on an excellent lunch (perhaps the quinoa salad was a little too alternative for many members?) to go with the short speeches, budget presentation, election of next year's executive, and awarding of the season's accumulation of prizes and trophies for par points,

KPs, and tournaments.

The club then shut down for the winter, to be revived in the spring with the season opening social at Langara. Many members still languished in southern climes, honing their golf game, but mysteriously retaining the same handicap they had at the end of last season. Despite this, turnout was a respectable 60 guys or so, including several new members. Old acquaintances were rekindled, and stories of latest injuries and state-of-body laments were exchanged. A new eSign up and fixture notification system was introduced this year, and Nick Atkinson, software guru extraordinaire, did an excellent job describing how it works.

The traditional Putting Jamboree was held mid June at McCleery. Despite good weather, and the usual \$5 subsidy for lunch, only 18 people turned up. Attendance at this event has been dwindling over the last few years, so this year will be the last. McCleery generously allows us to monopolise the putting green for the morning, to the chagrin of the Tuesday Ladies league, and cuts fiendishly-positioned holes just for us. It was felt that their payback in terms of cafeteria patronage was marginal, as was the value of the work put in by the organisers.

On a more positive note, the Shotgun tournament and lunch at University Golf Club was well attended, and deemed a great success again, with 72 players participating. West Point paid for the fine burger lunch. The club has managed to do this for the past two seasons because we had a surfeit of funds in our bank account. The good news is that we achieved the objective of reducing this surplus; the bad news is that we achieved the objective of reducing this surplus. So if we hold a similar event next year, to coin a phrase, there will be no free lunch. It may be possible to find a course that holds a shotgun with less expensive cuisine. Time will tell.

The last social event of the season, apart from this (or next) year's AGM lunch, was the Palcutta Cup social and auction held at Langara at the end of July. Again the turnout was very good, with about 55 guys enjoying the social atmosphere, the bidding, and the complimentary burger, fries and a drink (much cheaper than UGC).

This is my last season as Social Director. It has been a privilege to organise these events (even if not everyone tucks their string back into their name tags) and I wish my successor well.



Dave Thomas

Technical Advisor Report



Several years ago West Point Golf Club (the Club) made a decision to increase its use of computerized systems. The changes included the use of software for membership, handicap, scheduling, signup, pairings and lastly scoring. The challenge created by the incremental introduction of various modules was that the systems did not integrate with each other. This necessitated the manual transfer of data between modules. The transfer of data was time consuming and inefficient.

Over the last few years the Club has worked to integrate the systems into one package. In case of the booking system the change involved several steps. The past season has seen the completion of the overall project. The various systems are now all linked together and operate smoothly in transferring information between each module. The work load on each volunteer has reduced and the efficiency of the Club operation has improved.

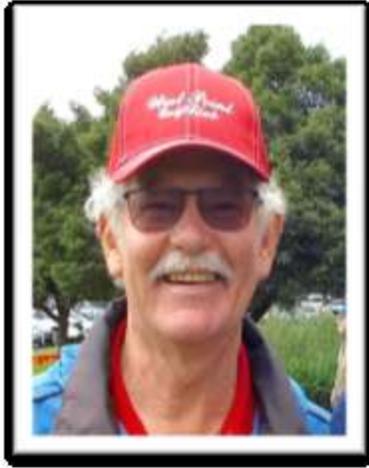
Several club members over the past winter spent hours attending tutorials on the new system. The club now has a dedicated group of members who are able to manage either various modules or the complete system.

The Club recognizes the work of John foster, David Wilson, Brian Montpellier, Richard Martin, Bill Titmuss and members of the Captains Table.

Nick Atkinson



Director at Large Report



Areas of Responsibility:

- Maintain the Tournament Manager and Handicap system which primarily involves entering and modifying weekly events, working with the Captain, Software Advisor and organizers of weekly events.
- Update course ratings for local and other golf courses
- Contract wholesale purchases of Golf

Accessories, including golf shirts, hats, towels, and bag tags. Market these items to club members.

1. Golf Management System

An online system was purchased from Golf software.com which amalgamated the eSignup, Handicap Manager and eHandicap Network systems. Weekly events were entered successfully during the season as well as dealing with members' inquiries about handicap entries. Membership feedback this season is generally that the consolidated system is functioning well.

2. Bling Purchases and Sales

Golf shirts, hats, and towels were purchased wholesale from G&G Golf. Approximately half of current year inventory were sold. No further purchases are planned for next year until the current inventory is sold.

It is recommended that 1) members be polled about what merchandise they would be interested in purchasing and 2) research into an online system for member purchases

Dave Wilson

Handicap Report 2019



Most of our players did a good job of entering and keeping their handicaps up to date. Players adjusted their scores as prescribed on our website under *ESC Instructions* in the handicap section. We expect our members to play a minimum of ten Thursday rounds per season. Again, most of our members have been able to meet this expectation.

We did have approximately twenty five to thirty members who were not able to get in ten rounds this year. Health issues were the main reason. Those members who have not been playing this season have been contacted and asked to discuss their intentions for the 2019 season.

Several members have been playing regularly from the forward tees. The RCGA procedures have proven to work for us. We will continue to encourage members to move to forward tees to help speed of play. For many, the forward tees enhance their quality of play and personal satisfaction. Hitting fairway metals to most of the par four greens is not fun.

We had a small communications problem with our Wait List members. It has been resolved. Wait List members are now entering their scores in our handicap system. This allows for a smooth transition when the time comes for them to become full members.

The handicap section on the website is kept up to date. There you can find red tee charts for the four courses we play regularly. Printable pocket size versions of the red tee charts are available for the three Vancouver courses. There is a white tee chart for Riverway; your course handicap may be different there than on your home course. You can also find current handicaps and instructions on your Golf Portal app.

Wherever there are golfers, there will be discussion regarding sandbagging, handicaps that are too low, too high, unfair, or just downright confusing. At West Point Golf Club we base most of our competitions and rewards on handicaps. It is nice to be able to state that our members are conscientious about keeping their handicaps data up to date.

Peter Coyle

Sketch of a West Pointer



The previous editor of the Divot Dust, **Gary Sinclair**, asked me to provide a bit of information about the motivation and rationale behind the “Sketch of a West Pointer” project, an initiative created to help know your fellow members better. Gary stepped down as editor after many years of dedication to the DD and relinquished the role to **Wayne Gatley**, who fortunately came forward to continue the fine tradition of the Divot Dust.

I joined WPGC in 2005 and started volunteering as a member of the Captain’s Table. This role provided an opportunity to meet all the members, and in particular the new ones; it was interesting to chat and learn a little bit about everyone. During my time as Vice-Captain (Draw & Scoring), I enjoyed much more direct contact with all members, especially since that was prior to electronic sign-up, and a time when commitments to play had to be confirmed orally each week so the draw could be created. As Membership Chair, once again I had a lot of contact with members and an idea that had been simmering, finally came to a boil when the Sketch Project was launched in 2012. It began as an attempt to get beyond the superficiality and learn a bit more about the background and golfing history of West Point members. The first Sketches were of **Michael Alms, Ed Bobinski and Jim Appleby**. Thirty-four more Sketches have been published, bringing the current total to 37. This season the following members have been hi-lighted: **Mike Carter, Colin Kelly, John Matkovich, Gary Sinclair, Dave Thomas and Neil Watson**. You can read any of the sketches by going to our website Galleries/Members and clicking on More under the photos.

I have appreciated the willingness of members to share some of their background and personal information with the Club membership. A template is provided as a guide to get started, but members can include any details they feel might be of interest; all articles are approved by the member prior to publication. Hopefully, as time goes on, we will be able to include as many members as possible.

My focus to date has been on long-time and senior members. All those who became members from 1989 to 2007 have been invited to participate; some have preferred not to be included, and others are still preparing their submission! It would be nice to get to some of our newer members, too, in an effort to learn more about their backgrounds.

In addition to those listed above, the following members have generously shared a bit of their golfing history with us: **Chris Allen, Neil Brett-Davies, Don Clancy, David Cooke, Peter Coyle, David Dickson, George Doiron, George Drew, Ray Dujardin, Wayne Ferrey, John Foster, Neil Griggs, David Haddleton, Joe Hurley, Carl Jonsson, Phil Joughin, Roger Jung, Peter Kidd, Paul Levy, Gordie MacCulloch, John McHattie, Hugh Marshall, Art Roberts, Don Rotherham, Lloyd Shippam, Norm Thiessen, Jim Trotter and Al Williams.**

Lorne Lindsay

Club Communications



A different year for your website. The Board's decision to implement software developed by *GolfSoftware.com* – particularly the Handicap and Tournament portals has certainly made it a lot easier for Wayne and me to fulfill our website responsibilities. This is due to the generic links on the website that take you directly (or nearly so) to the current draw and to the various full-field results of all the year's completed events. You don't even need to sign in to *GolfSoftware.com* unless you wish to sign up for future events or record your scores for rounds played at non-West Point venues. This new software has also made 'things' a little easier for our 'Draw Master' – Brian Montpellier and the Event Coordinators as there has been a marked reduction in the amount of material that is sent our way for posting on your website. Perhaps, not so for Richard Martin, our Vice-Captain – Scoring and his Captain's Table who continue to do a yeoman's job providing material for your website and for ensuring that the full-field results are available on the *GolfSoftware.com* Tournament portal.

Another change in your website this year has been the lack of Handicap listings – by rank and by member. This lack has also resulted in our inability to easily update the Leaderboard page. However, we intend to use index listings to update the leaderboard page in the future.

Ed Watson, Wayne Gatley & Gary Sinclair (Emeritus)





Sandy
Par?

Membership Fee for 2019

Season \$140.00

Associate Membership Fee \$50.00

**Please remember to bring *your cheque*
(*not cash*) to the October 30th
AGM and Awards Luncheon**

West Point Golf at Riverway G.C. 2018

2018 was another successful year for the West Pointers playing Tuesdays at Riverway. We have block times allocated on every second Tuesday of the month, from January through December.



As in previous years, each date involves team competition or individual play tournaments. KP's are also awarded. This provides spirited competition for the field. All communication regarding play dates, sign-up, draw time and competition format are handled electronically and works extremely well.

The sign up is via the eSignUp process on the West Point website or your Golf Portal App. Note that play is restricted to 24

members (the maximum tee times Riverway will allocate) so sign up early to avoid disappointment at being placed on a wait list.

The Pro Shop staff is exceptionally friendly and co-operative and our relationship with them is excellent. The condition of the golf course has been excellent all year. As a result of the drainage project Riverway undertook a few years ago, spring conditions are much drier than most lower mainland courses and also permits good conditions for winter play.

I encourage all West Point members to take advantage of this opportunity.

Peter Coyle

Golf can best be defined as an endless series of tragedies obscured by the occasional miracle, followed by a good bottle of beer.



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